



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nathan R. Brown

Serial No.: 10/715,267

Filed: November 17, 2003

For: METHODS FOR POLISHING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE STRUCTURES
BY DIFFERENTIALLY APPLYING
PRESSURE TO SUBSTRATES THAT
CARRY THE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
STRUCTURES

Confirmation No.: 4590

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 1763

Attorney Docket No.: 2269-4375.1US
(99-1029.01/US)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

May 13, 2004
Date

Signature

Rachael Harris
Name (Type/Print)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a). The listed documents were cited by the Office in co-pending application Serial No. 09/912,982, filed on July 25, 2001, and Serial No. 10/715,264, filed on November 17, 2003, and directed to related inventions.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g) and (h), filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, no representation is made by Applicant herein that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (b) exists.

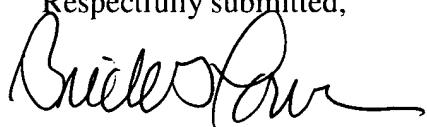
U.S. Patent Documents

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
US - 4,606,151	08/19/1986	Heynacher
US - 6,179,956 B1	01/30/2001	Nagahara et al.
US - 6,315,634 B1	11/13/2001	Jensen et al.
US - 6,354,928 B1	03/12/2002	Crevasse et al.
US - 6,436,828 B1	08/20/2002	Chen et al.
US - 6,725,120 B2	04/20/2004	Saldana

Applicant offers to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,



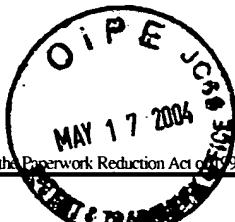
Brick G. Power
Registration No. 38,581
Attorney for Applicant(s)
TRASKBRITT
P.O. Box 2550
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110-2550
Telephone: 801-532-1922

Date: May 13, 2004

BGP/ps:rh

Enclosures: Form PTO/SB/08 & copy of documents cited

Document in ProLaw



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		<i>Complete if Known</i>		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Application Number	10/715,267	
		Filing Date	November 17, 2003	
		First Named Inventor	Nathan R. Brown	
		Group Art Unit	1763	
		Examiner Name	Unknown	
Sheet	1	of	1	
			Attorney Docket Number	2269-4375.1US (99-1029.01/US)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and note considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.